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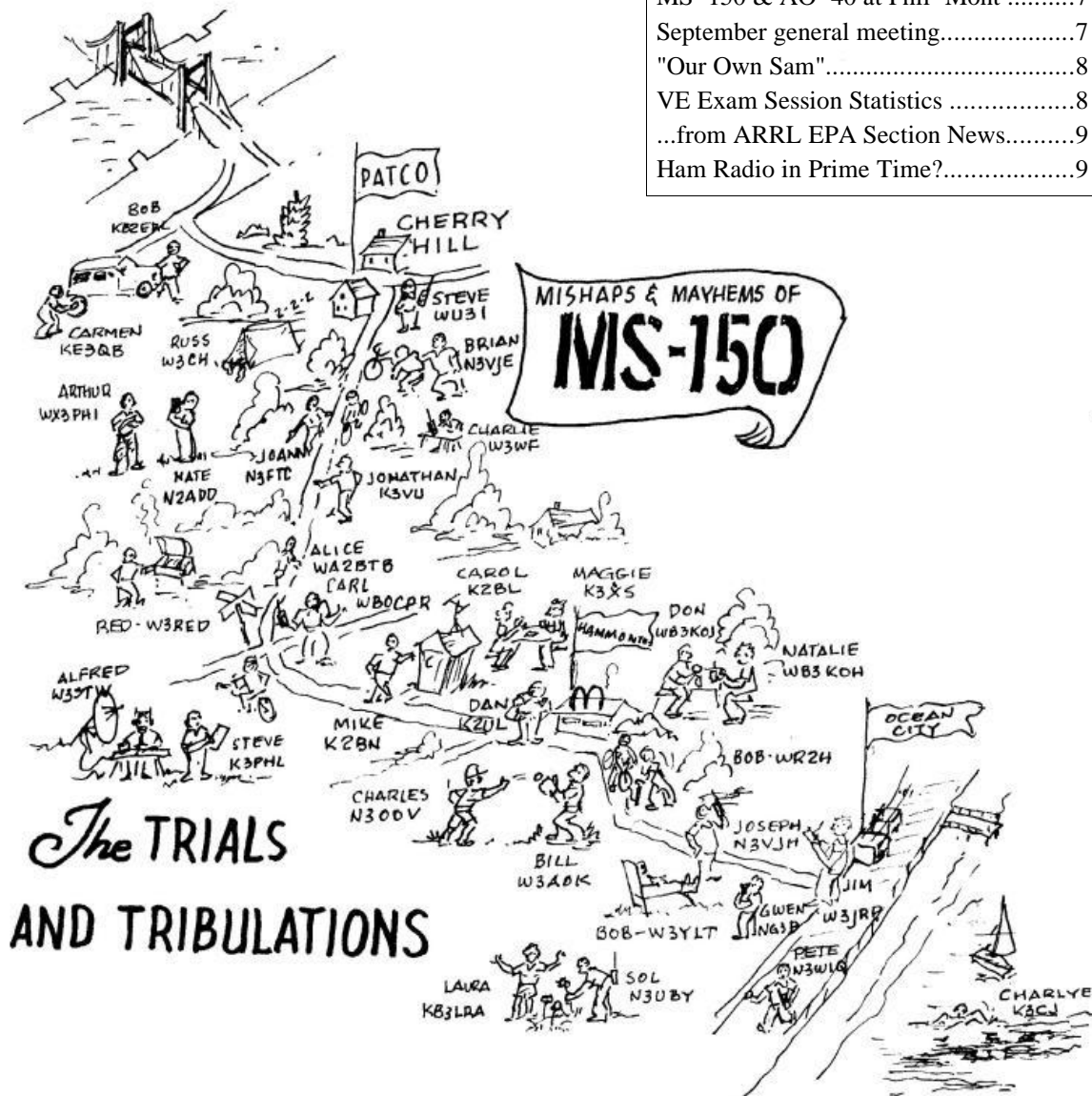
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W3BBB(03), N3MT (03),
N3XKE (02), W3AOK(03),
W3WF (A)**

The club meets at 7:30 PM on the second non-holiday Wednesday of every month except July and August at The Franklin Institute Science Museum, Benjamin Franklin Parkway at 20th Street, Philadelphia. Enter from Winter Street or the parking garage on 21st street.

All visitors are welcome!

License Examinations

are held on the first non-holiday Thursday of every month at The Franklin Institute Science Museum. Registration finishes at 6 p.m. Doors close at 6:30 PM-SHARP!

Club Stations

W3AA – The club sponsors this world-class demonstration station at The Franklin Institute Science Museum. and welcomes all licensed amateurs to operate.

Trustee: WU3I

Manager: W3STW

email: w3aa@phil.mont.org

packet BBS: 144.99 MHz

w3aa@w3aa.#sepa.pa.usa.noam

W3EM – Field Day and special events station – **Trustee W3VVS**

W3QV – Club Repeater

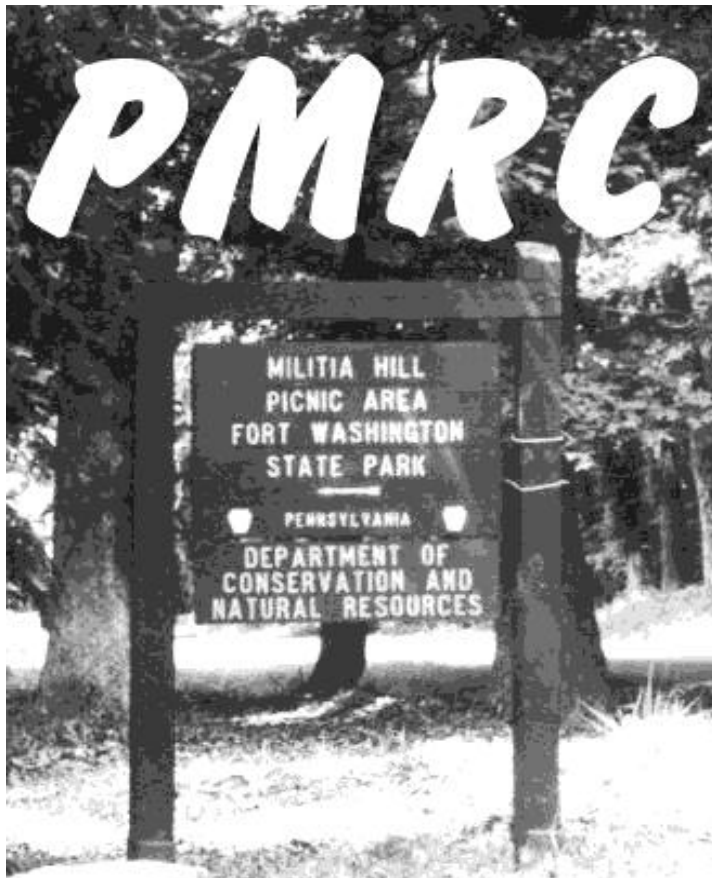
Ridge & Port Royal Avenues, Philadelphia, PA

Trustee: W3BBB

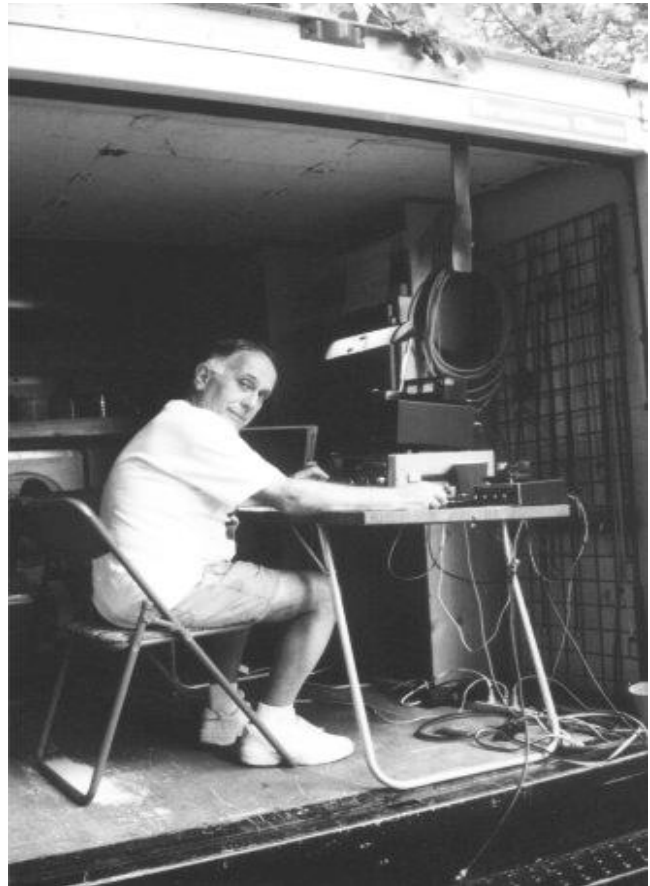
**147.03 MHz + PL 91.5 Hz
444.80 MHz rx PL 186.2 Hz
Club Simplex: 147.51 MHz**

Sunday Morning Net Schedules

- **2 Meter Net** at 09:30et on W3QV repeater
- **10-on-10 Net** at 10:00et 28.393 MHz USB (±QRM)
- **75 meter Net** at 10:20et 3.993 MHz LSB



Field Day 2002



The W3RMobile– a lean, mean CW machine!



Some folks prefer operating in the open air...



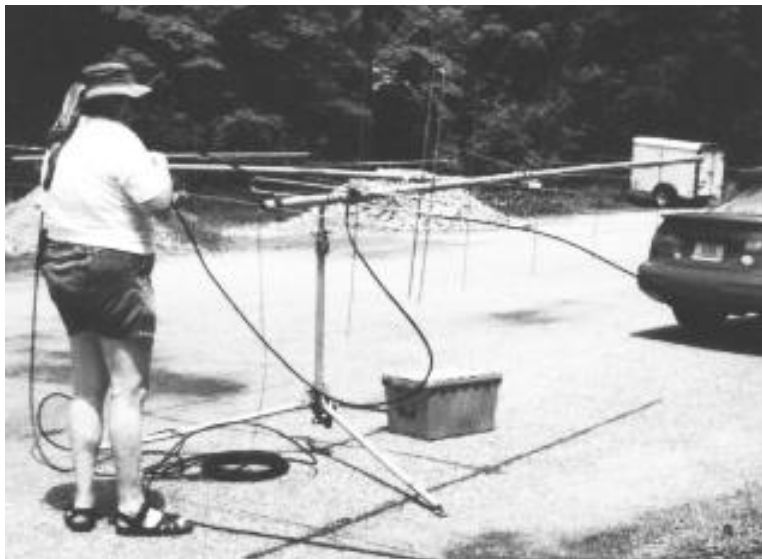
...but it may be possible to get too much air.



KB3LRA graces a VHF operating position



10m beam vs. tree:
(tree wins)



**Your editor K3XS readies the satellite array
—antennas courtesy WU3I.**

We made a sat contact this year!



*"Cap'n, I canna give ye more
than impulse power..."*
W3AOK tends a generator



Lunch happens...



...and breakfast, too!

(TNX TO WU3I, of course)



And the assembled multitude
rejoices.

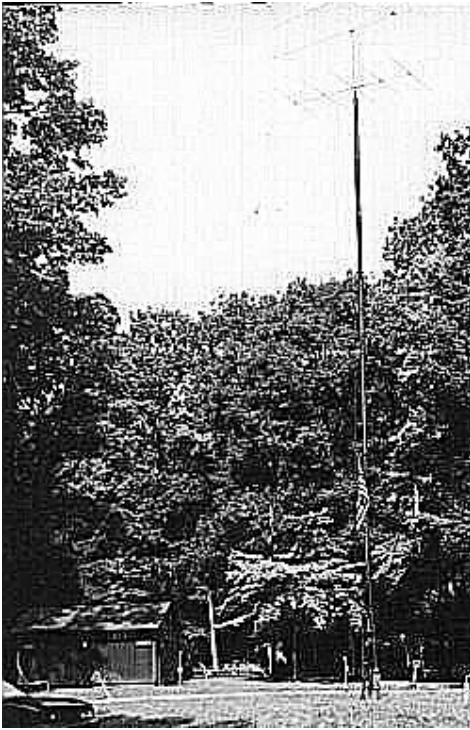


He cooks...



He climbs...

he's multi-talented!



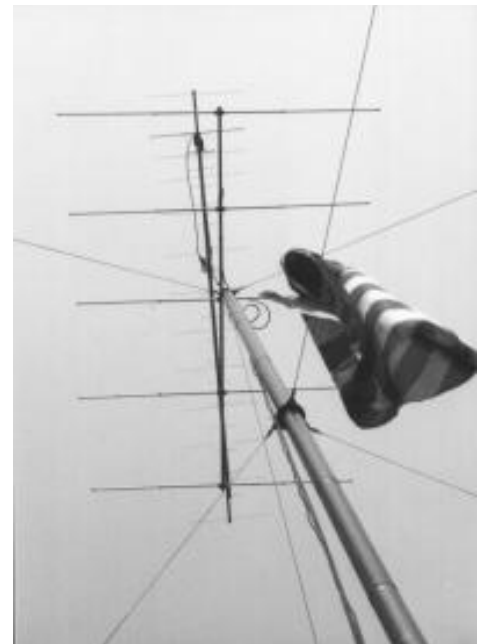
The W3AOK "Bazooka" towers over an essential support facility (left)...



...lofting high the UHF, VHF and 6m beams...



WB0CPR and K3PHL work the band (Thanks for the pix, Steve!)



...and two "Old Glories", one large and one small, at the peak.

MS-150 & AO-40 at Phil-Mont September general meeting

We'll be breaking out of our late summer doldrums at the September 11th general meeting of PMRC.

One big item on the agenda is the distribution of T-shirts and briefing packages for the many PMRC hams who have volunteered to serve as communications specialists during the MS Society's MS-150 City-to-Shore Bike Tour on September 28 & 29, 2002.

The briefing packages include information on net procedures and provide a detailed mile-by-mile listing of the tour route, indicating the assignment for each ham who is participating.

And if that wasn't enough excitement, our own AI W3STW will be speaking on the subject of the AMSAT-Oscar 40 satellite, known before launch as "Phase 3D".

This satellite is the largest and most sophisticated amateur radio spacecraft ever built, and despite some harrowing experiences over its lifetime to date, and rumors of an early demise, it defies the critics and continues to provide unique communications capabilities to the amateur community.

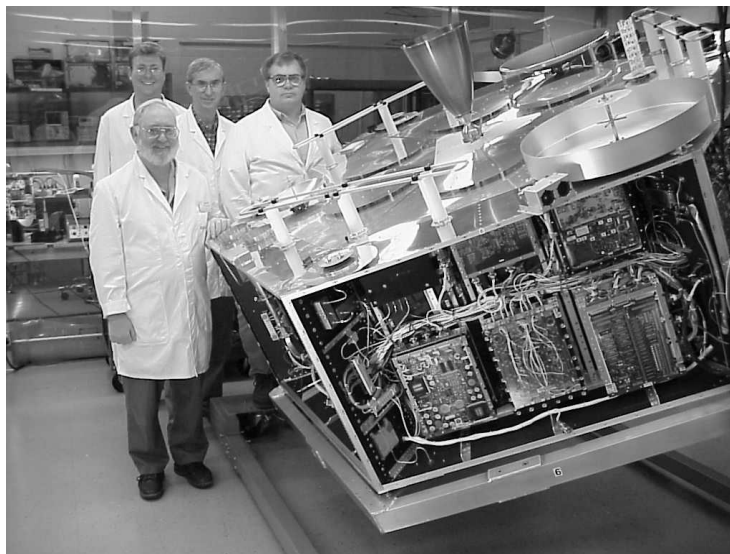
Come out and hear some things you probably *don't* know about this amazing spacecraft, what it's capable of today, and how it may be even better in the future.

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MS-150 CUE SHEET DAY 1 HAM RADIO OPERATORS

L = LEFT TURN			R = RIGHT TURN			S = STRAIGHT				
BL = BARE LEFT			BR = BARE RIGHT			UM = UNMARKED				
SS = STOP SIGN			TL = TRAFFIC LIGHT			QL = QUICK LEFT				
SATURDAY 9-28-02										
0.0	R	SS	WOODCREST ROAD						AB2LF	KATHY
0.3	L	TL	BURNT MILL ROAD CAUTION							
0.4	R		BRYANT ROAD							
0.5	L	SS	S. BOWLING GREEN DRIVE							
0.7	L		CRANFORD ROAD							
0.8	S	TL	cross HADDONFIELD-BERLIN RD CAUTION						KB3GAJ	ANDY
1.1	S		cross ASTOR DRIVE							
1.2	L		GARWOOD DRIVE							
1.9	L	SS	QUEEN ANN DRIVE							
2.0	L	SS	HEARTWOOD DR. CAUTION						WX3I	LOU
3.0	R	TL	KRESSON ROAD							
3.8	S	TL	SPRINGDALE ROAD						KB2YJB	WILLIAM
4.7	S	TL	cross CROPWELL ROAD						K2BL	CAROL
5.4	S	TL	cross EVESHAM ROAD						KV2M	MARY
6.9	S	TL	cross ROUTE 73 CAUTION						K2UL	DAN
7.5	R		at lake (BRADDOCK MILL ROAD)						WB3KOJ	DON
7.6	BL		BRADDOCK MILL ROAD						WB3KOH	NATALIE
8.2	BR	SS	KETTLE RUN ROAD							
10.3	BL		KETTLE RUN ROAD CAUTION						N2KGO	BOB
11.3	R	SS	HOPEWELL ROAD CAUTION						WA4FRA	BOB
11.9	L		RAYMOND ROAD							
12.8	R		**REST STOP ** AT ARCHWAY SCHOOL						W3RED	RED'S
	R		RAYMOND ROAD out of rest stop							
12.9	R	SS	KETTLE RUN ROAD							
13.1	S	SS	cross JACKSON RD (becomes COOPER RD) CAUTION						K3JQH	BEN
13.5	L	UM	RARITAN AVENUE (before RR tracks)							
13.9	S	SS	cross ATCO ROAD							
13.1	R		BARTRAM AVENUE							
14.2	QL		EAST ATLANTIC AVE. (before RR tracks)						AA2WN	HARRY
17.7	L		CHEW ROAD (Route 536)							
22.8	R	SS	ROUTE 206							
	L		UNION ROAD CAUTION							

A sample MS-150 cue sheet



AO-40 and friends...

"Our Own Sam"

Sam Kunceovich, that is; N3QIE, and the Battleship New Jersey. You know Sam as our master artist with many hundreds of front pages of the Phil-Mont Mobile Radio Club *Blurb*. That's only half the story.

Sam has a hidden past that came to light when W3PXY acquired the "History of The Battleship New Jersey", a book by Paul Stillwell; Naval Institute Press. An inch-thick hardcover with 519 pages and 350 photographs. The book covers 1940-42 when the keel was laid, to decommissioning and retirement. In reading same, and in absolute amazement, there was Sam on pages 13 and 14 as a "young ship fitter's helper". Also he is in the index, along with Admiral Halsey, General Douglas MacArthur, Secretary of the Navy, President Franklin D. Roosevelt, a list of admirals and ship captains by the hundreds. Sam was there right out in the introduction.

The history book covers all the WW II action in Japan, Korea, and the visits all over the world. 16-inch gun bombardments at Wonsan, North Korea, plugging shells into the myriad of caves, 5-inch guns, 20mm taking down Zeroes and Zekes, first Tomahawk missile firings.

The hundreds of personal references and experiences, all done first hand by name reporting by the crew; Philippines action, Pusan, Taiwan, Okinawa, Truk and the entire WW II theater.

Pictures of the radio operators, code

breakers, ship photos by the hundreds. A most interesting crew personal assessment of the many captains who rotated aboard every year, how good were they at ship handling and personnel relations with the low-level deck swabbers. The detailed and frank critiques of the personality of the captains by the crew when rank no longer counted.

Book excerpt, page 214
"Finally it was Monday 30 Sept 1968, the morning dawned grey and choppy. Shortly after 7:00am the crew was called to general quarters. The initial target was an enemy supply dump a few miles north of the Benhai river that separated North and South Vietnam. The klaxon-horn sounded its warning buzzer three times. At 7:32 simultaneous with the third buzz of the alarm the right gun turret blasted out a 1,900-pound projectile amid a wreath of orange flame. Fifty-four seconds later the shell landed, and a Marine Corps TA-1 Skyhawk spotter plane reported the initial shot landed a few hundred yards from the intended target -- fine shooting. Adjustments were made and the target was eliminated. Later that morning the Marine Jet came under fire from Antiaircraft batteries on the ground. They were soon silenced by the New Jersey's guns. The appreciative spotter aircraft then flew to within close range of the ship, dipped its wings, and radioed "Welcome to the war".



200th Monthly Phil-Mont

VE Exam Session Statistics

for August 1, 2002

Four candidates took eight elements, and we had three upgrades. The VE team was chaired by Dusty Rhoads ND3Q, and the other participating VEs were :

Peter Butler WB2B
 Roger Shannon KB3CYB
 Jim Mc Closkey NS3K.

Upcoming Exam Sessions:
September 5, 2002
October 3, 2002

(See page 2 for details)

NOTE: W3PXY's brother-in-law was counsel and USA government information officer for the State department in all the friendly South Eastern countries and when we talked up the ship he came forth as an editorial reviewer for this book for the Navy. He presented the book to W3PXY for safekeeping. Sam, as you know, as a master artist, did many of the logos for all the navy ships; those colorful ship shields and printings that decorate official Navy correspondence and flags. The timing was not right for the editor to give mention to Sam in this book which will reside with Sam as his personal copy. —DE W3PXY

31st Annual Pack Rat Flea Market

Hamarama

Sunday October 13, 2002 – Rain or Shine
Gates Open: Buyers at 0700 Sellers at 0600

Middletown Grange Fair Grounds
Penns Park Road, Wrightstown, PA

Food, Beverages & Facilities on Site
No Overnight Parking

General Admission \$6.00

Non-Ham XYL's & Children under 13 Free
Sellers Add: \$10.00 per Car Space

Indoor Space will be available – First Come, First Serve
Bring Your Own Table – \$10.00 per 10 Foot Table

Special Vendor Prize – \$100.00 Cash
Grande Hamfest Prize – \$300.00 Cash

Prize Drawings During Hamfest

For More Information:

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Talk-in 146.52 Simplex



September Birthdays

- 01 Sol Volen – N3UBY
 - 02 Greg Malone – N3FSC
 - 03 Marian Fox – WA3YJR
 - 05 George Walmsley – W3DO
 - 07 Steve Walko – K3PHL*
 - 13 Marge Concordia (XYL WB3KAC)
 - 15 Bob Freer – W3YLT
 - 17 Vikye Swanson (XYL N3GLH)
 - 20 Jack Spratt – N3ALW
Michael Taraborrelli – N3MT
 - 21 Marion Lester (XYL W3FWI)
 - 23 Patricia Mannio (XYL WA3NSP)
Russ Stafford – W3CH
 - 26 Margie Guy (XYL N3WPE)
- *NEW MEMBER 2002

MEMBERSHIP STATS

At press time P.M.R.C. has:

119 fully-paid members
12 family members
3 youth members
2 honorary members
no pending members

...from ARRL EPA Section News

Ham Radio in Prime Time?

Dave Bell, W6AQ, reports that New Line Cinema is attempting to bring back the movie "Frequency" as a TV Series. Other than the fact

that the hero (a non-ham) uses his dad's old equipment to communicate with his father (who's deceased), it's a nice plug for ham radio. Bell says reports have appeared in Hollywood trade publications such as Variety and the Hollywood Reporter.

Ham Radio is getting a plug on the Frequency DVD. Great Lakes Director Gary Johnston, KI4LA, says the "extras" include "a

wonderful explanation of and plug for amateur radio delivered by two California hams." KI4LA says "I like to use it with non-hams to explain a little of what we hams are about."

Upcoming Directory Supplement

With the October Blurb you will receive the 2001 Directory Supplement.

It will contain information on new members plus corrections and additions that I have received during the last six months.

If you have any changes that you would like included, I must have them by September 15th. In addition, the directory will feature the "electronic mailing list" of PMRC members who have sent me their packet and/or E-Mail addresses.

If you would like to be listed, or have a change, send your information to me at:

wb3koj@comcat.com or
Don Gordon
641 Kismet Road
Philadelphia PA 19115

Date	September 2002 at PMRC
Sun 01	NCS: 2m K3XS 10m:W3AA 75m:W2AJV
Mon 02	Labor Day
Tue 03	
Wed 04	PMRC Board of Directors meets
Thu 05	Licence Exams, 6pm--see Page 2
Fri 06	
Sat 07	
Sun 08	NCS: 2m KB3FHF 10m W3AA 75m WA3KIO
Mon 09	
Tue 10	
Wed 11	PMRC General Meeting: MS150 prep, AO-40 talk
Thu 12	
Fri 13	
Sat 14	
Sun 15	NCS:2m KB3IV 10m W3AA 75m KB3IV
Mon 16	
Tue 17	
Wed 18	
Thu 19	
Fri 20	
Sat 21	
Sun 22	NCS: 2m WB3KOJ 10m W3AA 75m NG3P
Mon 23	
Tue 24	
Wed 25	
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